

## FOURDERER AND GOOD LEATHER

Discoverer of the Famous Vici Kid Process Visiting Las Vegas.

### THE UNDERDONK GOAT RANCH

A New and Important Industry Opening Up for Northern New Mexico.

P. E. Fourderer, of Philadelphia, the man who discovered the secret chemical process for the production of the now world-celebrated vici kid leather, and one of the most extensive manufacturers in the east, arrived in Las Vegas late yesterday afternoon accompanied by a party of friends. They came to see New Mexico and to look over the 37,000 acre goat ranch of the Onderdonk Live Stock company near Lamy junction, in which Mr. Fourderer is largely interested. Manager Charles S. Onderdonk met them at the depot and took the party to Las Vegas Hot Springs, where they were guests of the Montezuma over night. Among the visitors are Robert H. Fourderer, of Philadelphia; M. Beebe, of Boston; A. and R. Stein, of New York. The latter are extensive importers of hides and pelts, and all are largely interested in the leather business. This afternoon Messrs. F. A. Manzanarez and C. A. Underdonk took carriages and showed the visitors over the city. They made the acquaintance of many of Las Vegas' leading professional and business men and expressed surprise and gratification at the many improvements now so much in evidence throughout the city.

This afternoon the party left for the south as guests of Supt. J. E. Hurley, of the A., T. & S. F., traveling in his private car. They go first to Lamy, to inspect the great goat ranch; then will run up to Santa Fe and may go as far down the Rio Grande valley as Albuquerque.

At his immense works in Philadelphia Mr. Fourderer employs over 2,000 men. His practical knowledge of the leather industry is perhaps not surpassed by any man in the world today. The extraordinary success which has attended his introduction of the vici kid leather has given him both fame and fortune in the industrial world. He says the United States imports 30,000,000 goat skins yearly, of which he handles about 10,000,000, and his object in engaging in business in New Mexico is to increase the home product. He has found, after careful investigation of the subject, that the best grade of the popular vici kid leather is to be produced from the skins of native Mexican goats; the slightest strain of the Angora breed is

objectionable. Like the kid glove manufacturers of Paris and Bordeaux, France, he finds that the climate of northern New Mexico has much "to do with the case." That is, the altitude, the dry, rarified air and the almost perpetual sunshine here combine to season and toughen the skin while it is yet on the live animal, and gives a leather when treated by the vici process the superior even of that coming from the high lands of far away Morocco. Besides, the short, sweet bunch grass that abounds in these parts makes the meat quite as good for ordinary mutton purposes as the average states sheep. This OPTIC welcomes Mr. Fourderer and his party to New Mexico.

#### BEWARE OF OINTMENTS FOR CATARRH THAT CONTAIN MERCURY.

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and is made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

Sold by Druggists, 75c. per bottle.

It has been observed by feline philosophers that perfectly white cats, if they have blue eyes, are nearly all deaf.

#### FROM NEW ZEALAND.

Reefton, New Zealand, Nov. 23, 1896. I am very pleased to state that since I took the agency of Chamberlain's medicines the sale has been very large, more especially of the Cough Remedy. In two years I have sold more of this particular remedy than of all other makes for the previous five years. As to its efficacy, I have been informed by scores of persons of the good results they have received from it, and know its value from the use of it in my own household. It is so pleasant to take that we have to place the bottle beyond the reach of the children.

E. J. SCANTLEBURY.

For sale by K. D. Goodall, druggist.

William Watson says: Often ornateness goes with greatness; and often felicity comes of simplicity.

#### A SURE SIGN OF CROUP.

Hoarseness in a child that is subject to croup is a sure indication of the approach of the disease. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough has appeared, it will prevent the attack. Many mothers who have croupy children always keep this remedy at hand and find that it saves them much trouble and worry. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant to take. For sale by K. D. Goodall, druggist.

Hope for the future is a tacit admission of evil in the present.

#### IN PRIME ORDER.

"I was a sufferer from indigestion and dyspepsia. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and it has cured me and I am now in prime order. My weight has increased. Hood's Sarsaparilla has put my whole system in a healthy condition." CARL WULSTEN, civil and mining engineer, Rosita, Colorado.

Hood's Pills cure all liver ills. Easy to take, easy to operate; reliable, sure. 25 cents.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The rainbow is always bent on disappearing.

Put your faith in the plodder rather than in the plotter.

The person who has no will of his own has an incurable malady.

Complaint against fortune is often but an apology for laziness.

No men have more shortcomings than those who are always behind time.

Most men are as anxious to get rich as most women are to be beautiful.

Marrying a girl for her beauty is like eating a canary for its singing.

It is said that a fool and his money are soon parted, and yet lots of fools keep right on accumulating wealth.

It's difficult to find a man who is willing to hold the ladder of success while you ascend it.

The less money a man has the stronger is his belief in the equal distribution of wealth.

Father Time was the original wheelman. From the beginning he has gone on by cycles.

What a handy thing for the advocates of expansion is the chrysanthemum as their national flower!

Show a man another man who looks like him, and he will think the other fellow is too ugly for a resemblance.

Polish helps a man in society, but not when it's on his coat.

Scotch proverb: "The mother of mischief is no bigger than a midge's wing."

No, son, a doe-skin is not a pocket-book.

Is it all right to stagger home from a stag party?

Did you ever notice how few "soft snaps" there are in "hard times?"

One way of gaining a reputation for wisdom is not to do any thinking for publication.

If there is a red-haired girl in the family she is always her father's pet.

If the preachers knew the truth about some people they wouldn't try very hard to save them.

Whenever a young couple in Osage county, Kansas, gets married it is not in order to refer to Osage Orange Blossoms.

Few men with a grievance can tell the truth.

Don't bother with sewing on buttons at this season—just pin a chrysanthemum over the spot.

People from Wales are called Welsh, but people from Belgium are called Belgians.

A healthy beggar is happier than an ailing king.

No man who is religious can become a philosopher.

A man should associate with his equals (intellectual equals) or live alone.

An old Latin maxim runs: He who keeps out of jail and the newspapers is a happy man.

To lay great value upon what other people say is to pay them too much honor.

A man who is worth anything finds society insipid, while a blockhead is quite at home in it.

### AN ENTERPRISING DRUGGIST.

There are few men more wide awake and enterprising than the Murphy, Van Patten Drug Co. and Browne-Manzanarez Co., who spare no pains to secure the best of everything in their line for their many customers. They now have the valuable agency for Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. This is the wonderful remedy that is producing such a furor all over the country by its many startling cures. It absolutely cures Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all affections of the Throat, Chest and Lungs. Call at above drug store and get a trial bottle free or a regular size for 50 cents and \$1.00. Guaranteed to Cure or price refunded.

Good is the negative quality: happiness is a delusion of the heart.

#### HOW TO LOOK GOOD.

Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver is inactive, you have a bilious look; if your stomach is disordered, you have a dyspeptic look; if your kidneys are affected, you have a pinched look. Secure good health, and you will surely have good looks. "Electric Bitters" is a good Alternative and Tonic. Acts directly on the stomach, liver and kidneys, purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches and boils, and gives a good complexion. Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at Murphy-Van Patten Drug Co., and Browne & Manzanarez Co. 50 cents per bottle.

To forgive and forget means to throw away dearly bought experience.

#### TO CURE CATARRH

Do not depend upon snuffs, inhalants or other local applications. Catarrh is a constitutional disease, and can be successfully treated only by means of a constitutional remedy like Hood's Sarsaparilla, which thoroughly purifies the blood and removes the scrofulous taints which cause catarrh. The great number of testimonials by those who have been cured of catarrh by Hood's Sarsaparilla proves the unequalled power of this medicine to conquer this disease. If troubled with Catarrh give Hood's Sarsaparilla a fair trial at once.

#### Piles! Piles! Itching Piles!

Symptoms.—Moisture; intense itching and stinging; most at night; worse by scratching. If allowed to continue tumors form, which often bleed and ulcerate, becoming very sore. SWAYNE'S Ointment stops the itching and bleeding, heals, ulceration, and in most cases removes the tumors. At druggists, or by mail for 50 cents. Dr. Swayne & Son, Philadelphia. 49-ly.



#### Farm Wagon for Only \$1000.

In order to introduce their Low Metal Wheels with Wide Tires, the Empire Manufacturing Company, Quincy, Ill., have placed upon the market a Farmer's Handy Wagon, sold at the low price of \$10.00. The wagon is only 28 inches high, fitted with 24 and 30 inch wheels with 4 inch tire.



This wagon is made of best material throughout, and really cost but a trifle more than a set of new wheels and fully guaranteed for one year. Catalogue giving a full description will be mailed upon application by the Empire Manufacturing Co., Quincy, Ill., who also will furnish metal wheels at low prices made any size and width of tire to fit any axle.